

Michigan Women in Selected Elected Offices

In 2009, Michigan will have women holding the following elected offices:

Governor—Jennifer M. Granholm (D)

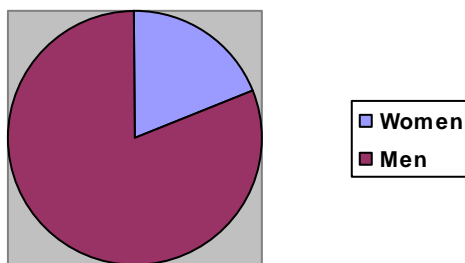
Secretary of State—Terri Lynn Land (R)

U.S. Senator (2) —Debbie Stabenow (D) (50%)

U. S House of Representatives (15) —Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D) and Candice Miller (R) (13%)

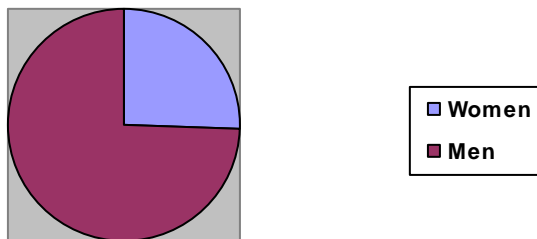
In the Michigan Senate, Michigan will have 9 women serving out of 38 members, 23.7%. This is a decline from the high of 12 in 2006. There will be 3 Republican and 6 Democratic women. Democrats are: Senators Liz Brater, Deb Cherry, Irma Clark-Coleman, Gilda Jacobs, Martha Scott, Gretchen Whitmer. Republicans are: Senators Patricia Birkholz, Nancy Cassis, Michelle McManus.

2009 MI Senate

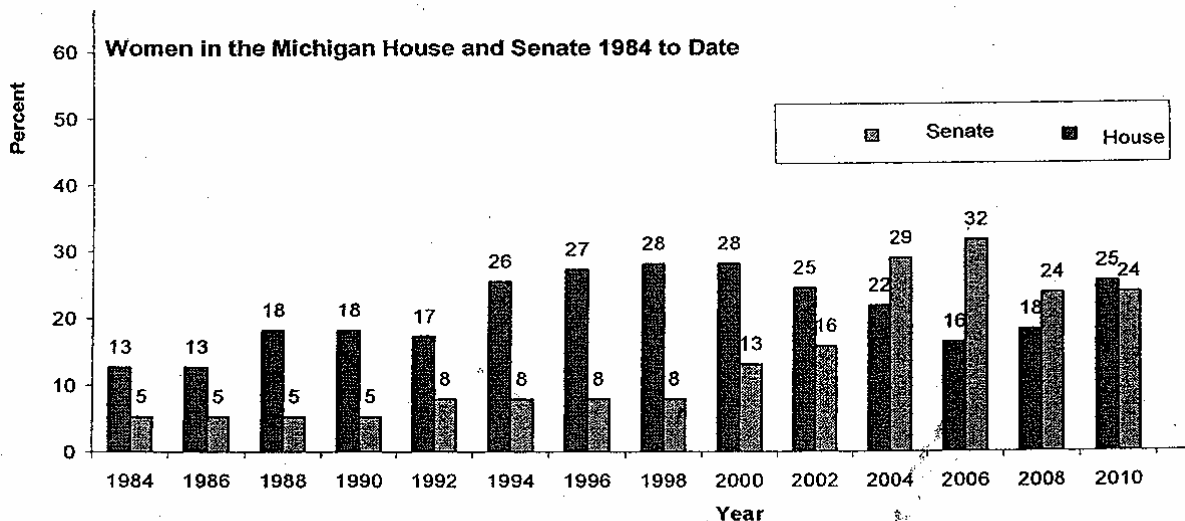


In the Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan will have 28 women serving (22 Democrats & 6 Republicans) out of 110 members, 25.4%. In 2000, there were 31 women in the House. However, in 2008, there were only 20 women. Fifty-one women candidates ran for the Michigan House of Representatives in the general election; 55% won. Democrats are: Representatives Kathy Angerer, Vicki Barnett, Joan Bauer, Lisa Brown, Pam Brynes, Barb Byrum, Marie Donigan, Kate Ebli, Jennifer Haase, Shanelle Jackson, Deb Kennedy, Ellen Cogen Lipton, Lesia Liss, Judy Nerat, Sarah Roberts, Bettie Scott, Kate Segal, Dian Slavens, Alma Wheeler Smith, Rashida Tlaib, Mary Valentine, Rebekah Warren. Republicans are: Representatives Cindy Denby, Gail Haines, Eileen Kowall, Kimberly Meltzer, Tonya Schuitmaker, Sharon Tyler.

2009 MI House of Representatives



The total number of women serving in the Michigan House and Senate will be 37, one more than there were in 2000. Senator Eva McCall Hamilton was the first woman elected to the Senate, Republican from Grand Rapids, from 1921-1922. Representative Cora Reynolds Anderson was the first woman elected to the House, Republican from L'Anse, 1925-1926. One hundred and twenty-one (121) women have been elected to the Michigan House, Senate or both.



The Michigan Supreme Court

There are seven Michigan Supreme Court Justices that are elected on a nonpartisan ballot for 8 year terms. We will have the first female dominated state Supreme Court in 2009. We will have 4 women serving: Maura Corrigan, Diane Hathaway, Marilyn Kelly, and Elizabeth Weaver.

The State Board of Education

There are 8 members of the State Board of Education that are elected on a partisan ballot for 8 year terms. In 2009, there will be 6 women serving, 2 Republicans and 4 Democrats: Elizabeth Bauer, Carolyn Curtin, Nancy Danhof, Marianne Yared McGuire, Kathleen Straus, Casandra Ulbrich.

Michigan State University Board of Trustees

There are 8 members that are elected on a partisan ballot for 8 year terms. In 2009, there will be 5 women serving, one Republican and 4 Democrats: Dianne Byrum, Melanie Foster, Colleen McNamara, Faylene Owen, Diann Woodard.

The University of Michigan Board of Regents

There are 8 members that are elected on a partisan ballot for 8 year terms. In 2009, there will be 4 women serving, one Republican and 4 Democrats: Julia Donovan Darlow, Denise Ilitch, Olivia Maynard, Andrea Fischer Newman, Katherine White.

Wayne State University Board of Governors

There are 8 members that are elected on a partisan ballot for 8 year terms. In 2009, there will be 4 women serving, one Republican and 3 Democrats: Tina Abbott, Debbie Dingell, Annetta Miller, Diane Dunaskiss.

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